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Applicant: Orbits et al. Examiner: *Abd-Jabir, Nwan*
Application No.: 09/917,261 Group Art Unit: 2175
Filed: July 26, 2001 Docket No.: 40062.91US01
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RELIABLY REPLICATING DATA

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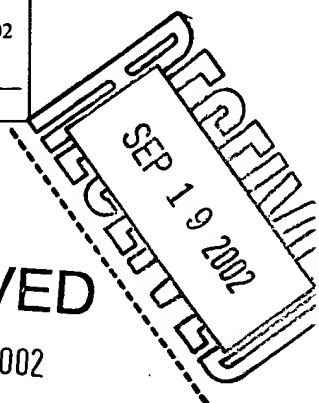
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